March 1st 1846.

My dear Mrs Chapman,

I gave me much pleasure to receive the full & interesting account of the Fair contained in the Liberator & Standard; they is just the sort of history of the objects for which it is held to enlighten the many friends who have not clearly information on the subject, & just the kind of detail to gratify those who have contributed to it. We only fear that the little sketch my Father sent you, by way of specimen, of the sort of notice that would be acceptable in this country, has induced you to give an undue prominence to the donors & donations from our neighbourhood. It is satisfactory to learn that the names & notices affixed to the articles, enhanced your pleasure in receiving them in proportion to the additional trouble it gave us to prepare them, & we will continue the plan in future collections. A good many things have been already sent us for the next Fair, some of them very

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pretty. From your account it seems the best way of serving you to contribute Stationary instead of work, but we like to do both, if possible, that our hands may be engaged in the same cause as yours, & that we may feel we have made some sacrifice of time which has very many home claims, for the work to which you devote all yours. Accept my thanks for the Liberty Bell which seems to contain some beautiful pieces tho' I am hardly qualified as yet to speak of it having only read a few short ones & glanced at the others. The portrait of Garrison makes it very interesting to us. I wish you could send us those of everyone & those who labors in the cause of freedom have made us long since regard them as personal friends. In alluding to the kind of books that we find most useful for circulating here, I was far from meaning to undervalue the use your gilded annual affords to the cause in America, nor your kindness in presenting us with specimens of it. I only

feared your costly presents to us might be
a source of expense to you, which
bring you in fewer good gifts from this
side the water than those "whitey brown"
enlightenens which find a less ready
admission into American houses. We
shall send round the newspapers with
the history of the Fair to all who sent any-
thing to it, that they may see how much
their gifts are appreciated & set to work again.
We are hoping much from the visit of
F. Douglass, of whose "Narative" we have
disposed of upwards of 150 copies which will
to ensure him a welcome & a numerous
audience in this place. He expects to be
here at the end of March & has promised
to make our house his home during the
first part of his visit, & to spend the latter
part with a quaker gentleman who will
introduce him to a different circle from our
own. We have also sent the book & written
letters about him to friends in other towns
who attend the slavery lectures that he will
go to them after his visit here. My Father
has undertaken to reply to the argumen-
tative part of your letter to me, but I fear
you will not imagine from what he says
how much his sentiments coincide with
your own in every essential point, & how much

more to appreciate your difficulties, your disappointments, your exertions, & even your concessions & "toleration" than you appear aware of. He has seen fit both in writing to Mr Webb & yourself to personal objectors (to whom he is constantly replying in your own arguments,) for the sake of putting you in possession of all that can be urged against your mode of proceeding, & of providing himself with every form of answer, & mode of avoiding & meeting these objections, before in the little pamphlet he is preparing for distribution. All you say in your letter to me is just what we say to those who complain of some minutiæ connected with the carrying out of your designs while they overlook the vastness of its aim, & the heterogeneous nature of its instruments. Our sympathy is with your party & not with those who would reconcile Abolition efforts with the preservation of their worldly advantages, connexion & ease, & we have studied the merits of the question from your own publications & not been biased by the reports of those whose sympathies are with the Liberty party. And we are aware that the recent grounds are for principles not words. That as people here will not enter into all these details for want both of time & means

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